

# **IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 1st October 2017**

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## **Amateur Station Licence Examination**

The next Amateur Station Licence Examination will be held on Thursday 7th December in the ComReg Offices in Dublin. Some applications have already been received. As places are limited and are allocated on a first come first served basis, those intending to sit the examination should apply soon. Full details, including entry procedure, examination fee and how to pay the fee online are available at [www.irts.ie/exam](http://www.irts.ie/exam). Please note that it is necessary to download the application form from the web page and forward the completed form and the appropriate fee so as to secure a place for the examination.

It is important to note that even if you pay the fee online you must still complete and forward the application form.

The closing date for receipt of completed applications is Thursday 16th November. Four Exam Reports which were previously published in Echo Ireland are available on the Downloads section of the website at [www.irts.ie/downloads](http://www.irts.ie/downloads) under "Studying for the Harmonised Amateur Radio Examination Certificate". These reports contain very useful information for anyone studying for the Licence Examination. Intending candidates are advised to pay particular attention to the syllabus for the examination especially Annexes 1 and 2.

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## **Counties Contest**

The IRTS 40 metres counties contest takes place on Sunday next, 8th October, from 12:00 to 14:00 UTC. There are SSB only and SSB/CW mixed mode sections for fixed and portable stations as well as a separate section for stations using the Wild Atlantic Way special call signs, and an SWL section. Recognising that local propagation on 40 metres is often poor, the rules for this contest have been changed to provide that, for EI/GI stations, overseas DXCC entities are also counted as multipliers in addition to EI/GI counties. See [www.irts.ie/contests](http://www.irts.ie/contests) for details.

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## **Tipperary Amateur Radio Group**

The October meeting of the Tipperary Amateur Radio Group is to take place in The Park Hotel, Clonmel on Thursday 12th October at 8.30pm. New members or anyone

interested in amateur radio are very welcome to attend.

For anyone that wishes to find out more about the Tipperary Amateur Radio Group and its activities you can come along to any of their meetings. You can also check their website [www.ei7trg.ie](http://www.ei7trg.ie) or contact club PRO Ronan EI4KN at QTHR for further information.

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### **Limerick Radio Club**

The next Limerick Radio Club meeting will take place on 12th October in the Limerick Institute of Technology when Steve EI5DD will give a talk on Getting Started on Digital Radio.

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### **South Eastern Amateur Radio Group**

The South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will be holding “An introduction To Amateur Radio” course on Monday the 2nd of October at 7.30pm sharp in the Roanmore Social and Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford. There will be two further classes on the 9th and 16th at the same venue and time. This will be an elementary type course designed to introduce potential candidates to the full Harmonised Amateur Radio Examination Certificate (HAREC) study course. It is intended for those who might like to study for the Amateur Radio exam but feel unsure if they have the ability to complete a full course. Places are limited and must be booked. For more info or to book a place please contact Sean EI2HZB on 083 1379764 or via email to “proffice /at/ searg /dot/ ie”

For anyone that wishes to find out more about the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group and its activities you can come along to any of their meetings. You can check their website [www.searg.ie](http://www.searg.ie) and you can also join them on Facebook and follow them on Twitter.

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### **Scout Jamboree on the Air**

Another popular event of the year is coming up this month. The 60th Scout Jamboree on the Air will be held over the weekend 20 to 22nd October next. Paul EI2CA lets us know that, as in recent years, he is organising a station for the 1st Meath Navan Scouts for the event. The callsign will be EI1DD and Paul needs a couple of additional operators to give a hand. All equipment will be supplied, so it is just a case of coming along on the day. If you can help out, you can give Paul EI2CA a call on

087 2523908.

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## **DX News**

Roly ZL1BQD will be QRV from Dili in East Timor until 10th October using the callsign 4W6RR. He will be active mainly on CW and Digital on 20 and 40m. QSL to the home call.

A small group led by Zorro JH1AJT will again be active as A5A from the Kingdom of Bhutan. They will be there until 8th October on all bands 160 – 6m CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL to JH1AJT.

Several German operators will sign S9YY from San Tome Island from 1st – 10th October. Activity will be on all bands 160 – 10m. QSL through Club Log OQRS.

Some Australian amateurs will activate Christmas Island from 2nd – 10th October. They will use the callsign VK9XI on all bands 160 – 10m on SSB, CW and RTTY. QSL manager is M0OXO.

Three U.S. operators will be active from Guantanamo Bay for varying lengths of stay starting 6th October. Callsigns to look for are KG4HH, KG4LA and KG4HF.

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Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Mark EI6HPB on 086 355 2370.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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